

# ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Senator Mia Costello  
DISTRICT K



Representative Lance Pruitt  
HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

July 15, 2019

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor of the State of Alaska  
3rd Floor, State Capitol  
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## TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

In an effort to continue to advance matters still before the legislature, we the members of the House and Senate who are heeding your call into special session respectfully request that you consider amending the call to include the following action items.

Your proclamation of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 calling the legislature into special session specified the subject of the session to be an appropriation bill providing full funding for the 2019 permanent fund dividend. We have been informed by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation that there is an approaching deadline by which time funding must be provided in order to enable timely distribution of dividends to Alaskans in October.

Once that matter has been successfully completed, it will be urgent to revisit our capital appropriations. As you know, included in the capital budget are a number of critical infrastructure projects, including airports and roads, which are eligible for significant federal matching funds. If we do not provide the state's share of the funding by July 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, we risk losing access to these matching funds, which are necessary to develop and sustain our economy, our families, and our state.

We are also interested in providing funding for the provisions in the crime bill repealing Senate Bill 91, as well as addressing a number of programs and projects that have lost funding as a result of the failure of the reverse sweep. It would also be valuable to reexamine various projects in the capital budget that will stimulate job creation, promote economic growth, and provide affordable energy to Alaskans. A new, narrow capital appropriations bill will provide a valuable avenue to address these issues along with the transportation infrastructure funding issue. For these reasons, we ask that once action has been taken on the first item, a new capital appropriation bill be added to the call.

Alaskans are understandably frustrated as they watch the legislature's slow progress in grappling with these questions, and we share their frustration. We believe that this proposal will help provide a path forward. Our members continue to stand in support of our state's constitution and are committed to working with you and our fellow legislators to seek agreement on these outstanding issues before our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mia Costello".  
Senator Mia Costello  
District K

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Pruitt".  
Representative Lance Pruitt  
House Minority Leader

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